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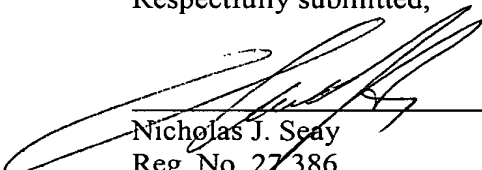
Dear Sir:

The applicants hereby request a refund of that portion of the issue fee paid in excess of that required in the above-noted patent application.

The applicants hereby assert their entitlement to small entity status as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(1). This request for a refund of the excess amount is filed within three months of the date of the timely payment of the full fee. This three month period expires on December 10, 2003.

The full \$1,300.00 issue fee was paid. Applicants hereby request a refund of \$650.00. Please credit the refund to Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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